



**TOWN OF LOOMIS**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**LOOMIS DEPOT**  
**5775 HORSESHOE BAR ROAD**  
**LOOMIS, CALIFORNIA**

**TUESDAY**

**OCTOBER 4, 2011**

**7:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**      7:33pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**ALL PRESENT**

Chairperson Thew  
Commissioner Bordelon  
Commissioner Hogan  
Commissioner Miller  
Commissioner Wilson

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:**

Joseph Latham (3795 Taylor Road) – Tree issue on his property.

Gary Liss (4395 Gold Trail Way) – How would the proposed ordinance affect homeowners, businesses, ongoing projects? Who is this benefitting? Is the Commission embracing Ken Menzer's (Town Arborist) recommendations and is the Commission soliciting input from developers, etc.?

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Bordelon and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**1. SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 MINUTES**

**APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**2. PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

**RECEIVED AND FILED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Bordelon and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## BUSINESS

### 3. TREE ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW

The Tree Ordinance subcommittee, comprised of Commissioners Thew and Wilson, as well as Park, Recreation & Open Space member Martinez, have reviewed and discussed the Town's Tree Ordinance. The Planning Commission will be reviewing and discussing the current Tree Ordinance and the subcommittee recommendations.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Hear staff report, take public comment and discuss.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Commission discussed the draft Tree Ordinance as presented by the Tree Ordinance subcommittee (PC members Thew and Wilson and PROSC member Martinez).

Discussion on the proposed ordinance was centered on:

- the exemption from mitigation for the removal of any protected tree on a parcel that is 0.25-acre or less;
- the 10% exemption rule over a 10-year period on larger parcels;
- possible incentives for saving trees rated 2;
- the desired uses of tree mitigation funds (i.e. on-ground improvements, consultations/reports, public education, etc);
- possible penalties for violating the Tree Ordinance (double mitigation if legal, per tree fines, etc).

**ADJOURN:** 10:18pm

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Matt Lopez, Assistant Planner

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Janet Thew, Planning Commission Chair